

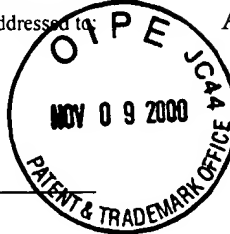
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In re application of:

Claude F. Meares, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/671,953

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- Page 1, line 4, delete "to" and insert therefor --from--;
- line 6, after "1999" insert --,--;
- page 4, line 20, delete "include" and insert therefor --includes--;
- line 34, delete the hyphen after the word "naturally" in both instances;
- page 5, line 7, after "as" delete "a";
- line 7, delete "agent" and insert therefor --agents--;
- line 12, after "of" delete ", for example, blood and plasma," and insert therefor --blood and plasma, for example,--;
- page 6, line 25, delete "leads" and insert therefor --lead--;